

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The replacement sheet in the Appendix includes changes to Figure 17. In Figure 17, the previously omitted designation of Prior Art has been added.

REMARKS

Figure 17 has been amended in response to the criticisms in the Official Action.

The indication that claims 3-5 and 8 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the portion of claim 3 that further defines the terminal identification means has been added to claims 1 and 9. The cited art does not disclose the terminal identification means defined in amended claims 1 and 9, including among other features the address coordination table defined therein, and thus the amended claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, and have been amended as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

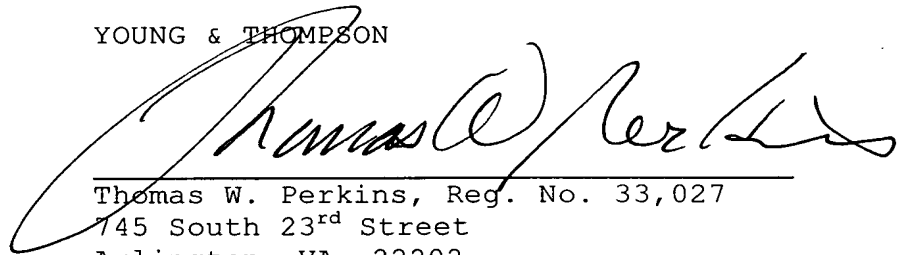
Claims 1-2, 6-7 and 9 were rejected as unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of MARBAKER et al. 5,229,988. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment in which the subject matter of claim 3 believed to be allowable has been added to claims 1 and 9.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 17 of the drawings